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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF

Michelle M. Bayer License No. 46TA09076600

Licensed to Practice Occupational Therapy in the State of New Jersey

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

The New Jersey Occupational Therapy Advisory Council ("Council") granted the application of Michelle M. Bayer ("Ms. Bayer" or "respondent") for a license to practice occupational therapy assisting, but reserved its right to review information that she had engaged in the practice of occupational therapy assisting prior to becoming licensed. Ms. Bayer appeared before the Council at an investigative inquiry on January 13, 2011. Based on its review, the Council has determined that during the period between September 2009 and May 6, 2010, Ms. Bayer engaged in the practice of occupational therapy assisting as a contract employee for a school district, when she did not possess a license in violation

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of N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.51 and N.J.A.C. 13:44K-8.3.

These facts provide a basis for disciplinary action, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) as respondent engaged in the unlicensed practice of occupational therapy assisting.

It appearing now that Ms. Bayer desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Council finding that entry of this Consent Order is in the public interest;

IT IS ON THIS 21 day of March, 2011,

ORDERED and AGREED that:

- 1. Michelle Bayer shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 and costs in the amount of \$321.25 for practicing occupational therapy assisting without a license. The penalty and costs shall be paid in three payments: the first payment of \$321.25 shall be due by May 1, 2011, and the remaining two payments of \$250.00 each shall be due on the first day of June and July, 2011. Payments shall be made by check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey, and submitted to Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director, Occupational Therapy Advisory Council, P.O. Box 45037, Newark, New Jersey 07101, upon entry of this order.
- 2. Failure to remit any payment required by this Consent Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

3. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order may result in further disciplinary action.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Betty Thomas, Chair

I have read and I understand this consent order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this order.

Michelle M. Bayer

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I consent to the form and entry of this order.

Vicki Arians, Esq.

Date